रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) इस समय गुजरात या भारत में कहीं भी नई रक्षा उत्पादन इकाई स्थापित करने के लिए कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है ।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठते ।

Landing of Defence land *to* M/s. Bagrodia

6956. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MNISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 4314 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st September, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the present position of various suits filed by the said M[s Barodia in the court of Assistant District Judge, Dibrugarh, as well as Guwa-hati High Court, suit-wise;

(b) the present position of the appeals filed by Government in the Guwahati High Court, as well as the Supreme Court, if any;

(c) the detail of steps being taken by Government for speedy disposal of the cases/appeals; and

(d) whether Government propose to invoke special powers/provisions under defence law/rules to evict the said un-authorised occupant, now occupying 300 acres of defence land for more than 32 years, paying just Rs. 6,000l- per annum, in view of the tremendous revenue loss to Government and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Settlement of hospitalisation claim

6957. SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3103 given in the Rajya ,'Sabha on the 17th March, 1994 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Contra Costa Country Martinex Hospital, California, U.S.A. is a Government hospital.

(b) whether it is a fact that the amount of US $ 8399.61 spent by the Ex-servce-men for treatment in the said hospital is not a case of reimbursement;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which the claim is not being settled in the amount paid to the above mentioned hos pital; and

(d) by when the claim is likeiy to be settled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Confra Costa Country Hospital, California, USA is a country Govt Hospital.

(b) to (d) Ex-service personnel other than ex-service pensioners are not ensiled to free medical treatment. Ex-service pensioners only are entitled to free medical treatment at the Indian Armed Forces hospital to the extent the facilities are available in such hospitals. There is no provision for referral of ex-servicemen pensioners for treatment in a civil hospital in India or any hospital abroad through Armed Forces medical hospitals, and so the question of setting the claims does not arise.

Death of a Major in Leh

6958. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER *be* pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a new-item published in 'Navbharat Times' (Hindi) dated the 15th March, 1994 under the caption, Leh me Sena ke Major ki Rahasya may maut';

(b) whether it is a fact that the death of the major took place on the 5th December, 1993 and if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in this incident: and

(c) if so. the results of such an enquiry and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Burnt out dead body of an Army Major was found in his room at Leh on 5-12-1993. A Court of Inquiry into the incident is in progress. Appropriate action will be taken depending' upon the findings of the inquiry.

Proposal to purchase Hawk jet trainer

6959. SHRI S MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be plased to state.

fa) whether there is any proposal to buy British Aerospace Hawk advanced trainer jet aircrafts; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) The Government has approved acquisition of Advanced Jet Trainers for meeting the requirement of the 1AF. Detailed proposals for supply of Alpha Jet of France and Hawk of UK, which are the two shortlisted aircraft, have been obtained and evaluated from technical angle.

Selection of advanced jet tariner

6960. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of Air staff has stated in Bombay on the 17th March, 1994 that the selection of Advanced Jet Trainer for the Indian Air Fores would take at least one year;

(b) which are the models now under consideration and their relative features;

(c) whether the offer of Russia to supply their latest AJT, called MIG-AT, is also under consideration; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Chief of Air Staff had stated that the entire induction process for Advanced Jet Trainer is likely to take about a year.

(b) Frerch Alphajet and British Hawk have been shortlisted for acquisition as Advanced Jet Trainers.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The MIG-AT aircraft is still under development and its first flight is likely only in 1995.

मध्य प्रदेश में रक्षा भूमि

6961. श्री शिवप्रसाद बनपुरिया : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के जबलपुर जिले के ग्राम बिलहरी, तिलहरी और छिबलाहा की 323.49 एकड़ भूमि सरकार के कब्जे में है ;

(ख) यह भूमि रक्षा विभाग को कब तथा किन-किन शर्तों के साथ हस्तान्तरित की गई थी ;

(ग) सरकार द्वारा उपरोक्त भूमि के अधिग्रहण का क्या उद्देश्य था ;

(घ) क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार ने राज्य सरकार की पूर्व अनुमति के बिना उपरोक्त भूमि पर निर्माण कार्य किया है ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार उपरोक्त भूमि के बदले में जबलपुर छावनी क्षेत्र के किसानों को उस भूमि को स्थाई पट्टे प देने पर विचार करेगी जिस पर वे सैकड़ों वर्षों से खेती करते आ रहे हैं; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो क्या रक्षा विभाग उपरोक्त भूमि राज्य सरकार को वापस करेगा ?

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